



## **Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice**

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# **NEWS BULLETIN**

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## **Oklahoma PPO Killed on Duty**

### **A special message from Dr. Livers:**

Late last week I received notification about an event that happened in Oklahoma, where I served in the Department of Corrections (DOC) for a number of years. Probation and Parole Officer Jeff McCoy was performing a pre-release home study on a person being considered for parole. As Officer McCoy went to the door of the residence, an individual (who was not the subject of the study) confronted him on the porch, assaulted the officer and struggled with him, beating him unconscious. The attacker then took Officer McCoy's service weapon and shot him in the head, killing him. The assailant was captured by police shortly thereafter, after the attacker shot at the police officers who responded to the call.

PPO Jeff McCoy, 32, left a wife and two young children, ages 7 and 4. From my many years in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, I know Officer McCoy's parents. His mother is the Oklahoma Department of Corrections' Medical Services Administrator and his father is a retired DOC principal.



I want to remind everybody in our community-based field service offices that we go on the same type of visit to homes every day. A tragedy like this strikes close to home – when it happens to anybody in the country within our own profession, we feel it as well.

Please let this terrible incident be a tragic reminder to our field staff who are out every day: be very aware of your surroundings; never take anything for granted; if you sense a dangerous situation use your best judgment, your training and experience to avoid a violent situation and ultimately to protect yourself. Our mission dictates that we visit areas within our communities that have experienced high rates of violence. While we will continue to meet our mission, we must do so with the utmost consideration for public safety as well as staff safety.

When anything like this happens, we realize what a small world our corrections family is, across the country. A memorial fund has been set up for Officer McCoy's children. If you wish to express your condolences, the family would very much appreciate your concern.

The Jeffery McCoy Memorial/Children's Scholarship Fund has been set for the benefit of the children. The Corrections Department reports several bogus memorial funds are listed on the Internet, attempting to collect funds. Please note the name of this fund and disregard any others.

Condolences may be sent to the family care of:

Primrose Funeral Service

Norman, OK 73071

405-321-6000

Donations may be sent to:

The Jeffery McCoy Memorial/Children's Scholarship Fund

Bank First

1201 W. Main Street

Norman, OK 73069